

WHPC Meeting 1st September 2026

Item

Playpark – Annual RoSPA Playpark Inspection 28th July 2026

### Purpose

1. To receive the 2026 RoSPA Playpark Inspection Report
2. To identify remedial actions, if required.

### 1. Background

West Hill Parish Council provides a children's playpark for community use. The Council has a responsibility to maintain and inspect the playpark:

- under various acts of legislation including Health & Safety (1974)
- under the terms of its insurance cover

The playpark and equipment are regularly inspected to ensure they are secure and safe and any remedial work that may be required is carried out promptly: weekly (Cllrs), monthly (EDDC RoSPA qualified Inspector) and annually by RoSPA. In addition, WHPC carries out a detailed annual inspection.

The annual inspection is included in those commissioned by EDDC. Once the report is received EDDC invoice the Parish Council for the £100 +vat fee. (This is included in the WHPC budget).

### 2. RoSPA Report 2026

The 2026 RoSPA inspection took place on 28th July 2026. The assessment of each item of equipment (from the waste bins to the Climbing frame) is recorded and a detailed report submitted to the Parish Council for review/action. In summary,

- No matters of serious concern were identified.
- All equipment given a risk rating of LOW/VERY LOW.

### 3. For consideration

Councillors are asked to note the findings of the RoSPA inspection and consider the proposed actions:

| Asset       | Findings | Risk Level | RoSPA recommendation |
|-------------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| Sinage      |          | Very Low   |                      |
| Seating     |          | Very Low   |                      |
| Litter Bins |          | Very Low   |                      |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pathways                                      | Timber not in good condition. Edging is damaged.                                                                                                    | Low      | Repair & Replace                                                                                    |
| Basket Swing                                  |                                                                                                                                                     | Low      | Monitor                                                                                             |
| Multi-play Slide Climber                      | 1) Bolt Cap Damaged<br>2) Climbing holds slight movement<br>3) Strimmer damage on posts<br>4) Splinters or potential for splinters on climbing deck | Very Low | Repair<br>Tighten<br><br>Prevent further damage<br><br>Sand the timber to remove splinters          |
| Carousel Rotator Pole                         | Wear In Bearings                                                                                                                                    | Low      | Monitor and replace where necessary. Oil bearings.                                                  |
| Little Slide                                  | Worn grass area                                                                                                                                     | Low      | Make good                                                                                           |
| Agility Trail                                 | Strimmer damage on posts                                                                                                                            | Low      | Monitor - prevent further damage.                                                                   |
| Swing. Mixed 2 Bay Junior, 1 Bay Toddler Seat | Timber is decayed.<br>Strimmer damage to supports, some chain wear.<br>Loosen suspension assembly on top bar.                                       | Low      | Monitor for further deterioration, replace before 40% wear.<br>Tighten bolt on suspension assembly. |
| Picnic Bench                                  |                                                                                                                                                     | Low      | Monitor                                                                                             |

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23rd August 2026

| List of findings and tasks required |                               |                  |
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| Equipment                           | RoSPA assessment<br>July - 26 | Findings to note |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Balance Trail                     | Low      | Prevent further strimmer damage                                                                                   |
| 2. Balance Trail surface             | Low      | Keep ground surface in good condition                                                                             |
| 3. Entrance gate                     | Low      |                                                                                                                   |
| 4. 5 bar gate                        | Low      |                                                                                                                   |
| 5. General Surface (grass)           | Very Low | Monitor matting under play equipment.                                                                             |
| 6. Waste/re-cycling bins             | Very Low |                                                                                                                   |
| 7. Climbing frame/multitplay         | Low      | Bolt cap damaged - replace<br>Splinters - sand down                                                               |
| 8. Climbing frame/multitplay surface | Very Low | Monitor matting.                                                                                                  |
| 9. Path Internal (bark chips)        | Low      | Repair edges                                                                                                      |
| 10. Rotator/Pirouette                | Low      | Wear in bearings - lubricate                                                                                      |
| 11. Rotator/Pirouette surface        | Very Low |                                                                                                                   |
| 12. Seating                          | Very Low |                                                                                                                   |
| 13. Signage                          | Very Low |                                                                                                                   |
| 14. Small slide                      | Low      |                                                                                                                   |
| 15. Small slide surface              | Very Low |                                                                                                                   |
| 16. Swing basket                     | Low      | Monitor                                                                                                           |
| 17. Swing basket surface             | Low      |                                                                                                                   |
| 18. Triple Swing                     | Low      | Timber is decayed - monitor and replace<br>before 40% wear.<br>Loose suspension assembly on top bar -<br>tighten. |
| 19. Triple Swing surface             | Low      |                                                                                                                   |
|                                      | Low      |                                                                                                                   |